

Sunday
July 16, 2000

Historical group to meet July 20

The July meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society will be held at noon on Thursday, July 20, at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis.

The guest speaker will be noted potter, Talle Johnson, director of the Bay Clay Studio. Mr. Johnson will speak on the history and technique of pottery making. Work by local artists will also be on display at the luncheon meeting. Please make reservations by calling 467-4090.

BHS football boosters slated

The Bay High Football Boosters Club will meet this Tuesday, July 19, in Room 31 at the high school. Anyone interested in Tiger Football is welcome. For more information, call Coach Williams at 466-4912.

Bible school set at St. Rock's

St. Rock United Methodist Church at 301 Herlihy St. in Waveland will host a vacation bible school from July 17 through July 21, from 10 a.m. to noon each day. The public is welcome. For more information, call 466-9185.

'Gaits' slates horse contest

Gaits To Success will conduct its levels 1-3 horsemanship event on Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the facility on Kiln-Picayune Rd. in Kiln. Call Cynthia Stanton at 467-0488 or the Gaits barn at 255-5368 for more information.

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Wed. 12:00 p.	4:00	3:00
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Two jailed for coke

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

Officers of the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force made two separate cocaine busts last week, nabbing one suspect who was already out on bond from a drug arrest last month.

Task Force director Shane Corr said Friday that officers

arrested Eric W. Jarvis, 43, of Pearlington, at around 3 p.m. Friday after he allegedly attempted to sell a quarter-ounce of cocaine to an undercover agent at the Marketown Shopping Center in Bay St. Louis.

"Then after the purchase,"

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Jarvis

Galbreath



Chief Investigator Bob Lambert, left, Sheriff Steve Garber, NTF director Shane Corr and Agent J.J. Roberts examine seized drugs and cash Friday afternoon after arresting a suspect.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Shoreline murder probe continues

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

The investigation continues into the Independence Day murder of Gwynette Sharon Spiers.

Spiers, a resident of 4154 Lake Street at Shoreline Park, was found dead in her home on July 5, tied up and with a massive head wound which pathologist Dr. Paul McGarry said caused her to bleed to death.

No one has yet been charged with the crime, Ronnie Cuevas, administrator for Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber's office, said Friday, but investigators are pursuing several leads.

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Party in the Pass



Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith



Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith

Brett Favre foundation gives \$20K to Hope Haven

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Brett Favre presented a check for \$20,000 to Terry Latham, director of Hope Haven in Hattiesburg Friday. The check will enable the non-profit shelter for abused and neglected children to complete their new home that is under construction in Waveland.

This is the third year in a row that Hope Haven has been selected as one of the local charities by the Foundation.

Other charities that received support from the Foundation included Special Olympics, Make a Wish Foundation, The Center Circle and Gaits To

Blast in the Bay



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
Bay St. Louis gets a blast from the past Saturday as hundreds of classic cars converge at the old Depot for the third annual Blast in the Bay car show. The event, co-sponsored by the city and the Southern Who Street Rod Association, benefits the BSL Fire Department's Doll and Toy Fund for children.

New fire station to use Port & Harbor volunteers

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission will use existing staff and volunteers to man a half-million dollar fire station recently erected at the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

The decision came after the Commission staff met last week with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Last March, Kim Jones, the fire chief of the West Hancock Volunteer Fire Department in Pearlington, made a pitch to Commissioners to let his group of volunteer firemen man the station.

But, Commissioners tabled that request and asked the staff to prepare a survey asking

major tenants of the park how the new facility just past the entrance to the giant Wellman-plastics plant should be staffed, and what specific services they would like to see.

Port Executive Director Hal Walters told the Echo this week the Port's Emergency Services Manager Larry Hinton will be put in charge of maintenance and operation of the fire station, and will recruit volunteers from among the port's staff and possible from industrial park tenants, which include Wellman, GE and Calgon.

Walters said Hinton will coordinate training of volunteer firemen in techniques for fighting industrial fires and those

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Obituaries

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LEOPOLDO V. HERRERA
KATHLEEN SHAW
LAWRENCE SHOUPPE
HAROLD DEAN SMITH

FREDDIE COOK JR.

Freddie Cook Jr., 63, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, July 11, 2000, in Gulfport.

Mr. Cook was born April 2, 1937, in New Orleans and had been a resident of Pass Christian for over 60 years. He was retired from Gulfshores Baptist Assembly after 37 years of service.

He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pass Christian where he served as church treasurer and steward. He was a member of the Election Commission of Pass Christian, the Gulf Coast Community Action Agencies, the State of Mississippi Waste Water System Certification, and the Progressive Civic League. He was a former auxiliary member of the Pass Christian Police Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Freddie Cook Sr. and Rachel Comack Cook; and a brother, Charles Robert Cook.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Dedeaux Cook of Pass Christian; four daughters, Florence Lang, Frederica Robinson, Desree Cook, all of Pass Christian; and Rachel Ray of Gulfport; four sons, Brian Cook of Gautier, and Leo Cook, Gerald Cook and Bryce Cook, all of Pass Christian; a brother, John Gilbert Cook of Pass Christian, and 17 grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pass Christian. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. Lockett-Williams Mortuary in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

OAK CEMETERY IN PASS CHRISTIAN
 Lockett-Williams Mortuary in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

DONALD J. CUEVAS

Donald Joseph Cuevas, 51, of Picayune, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, in Kiln.

Mr. Cuevas was a native of Hancock County and was self-employed in the trucking business. He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 7087.

Survivors include his father, Joseph Cuevas of Kiln; his mother, Effie Cuevas of the White Cypress community; a son, Dean Cuevas of White Cypress; two brothers, Wayne Cuevas of White Cypress and Elbert Cuevas of Necessity Crossing.

Visitation will be today, July 16, after 6 p.m. in St. Matthew Catholic Church. Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at the church followed by burial in Necessity Crossing Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

LEOPOLDO V. HERRERA

Leopoldo Villalobos Herrera, 91, of Ocean Springs, died Tuesday, July 11, 2000, in Slidell.

Mr. Herrera was a native and long-time resident of Guatemala City. He resided in Ocean Springs since 1997 and was a Roman Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christina Cordova de Villalobos; his parents, Teodoro Villalobos Kreitz and Francisca Herrera de Villalobos; and sisters, Hortensia Villalobos Herrera, Luisa Villalobos Herrera and Marta Villalobos

Herrera.

Survivors include two daughters, Graciela V. Cuevas of Ocean Springs and Ana Maria V. Blattel of Camarillo, Calif.; a brother, Agusto Villalobos Herrera of Guatemala City; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday afternoon in the Ocean Springs Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, followed by a Roman Catholic Tridentine Mass. Burial was in Crestlawn Cemetery.

Survivors include his father, Kathleen A. Shaw, 20, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, in Jackson.

Ms. Shaw was born in Jasper, Ala. and was a longtime resident of Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her long-time companion, Nick Traut Jr.

Survivors include her parents, Archibald and Katrina Shaw; four brothers, Scott Shaw, and Shad Shaw, all of Gulfport, Adam Shaw and Damon Shaw, both of Pass Christian, and a sister, Shandra Hawkins of Brandon.

A graveside service was conducted Saturday at Shaw Cemetery in Riceville. Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, in Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

LAWRENCE SHOUPPE

Lawrence Shouppe, 80, of Pass Christian, died July 8, 2000, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Shouppe was born July 10, 1920, in Morganton, North Carolina. He served in the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945 as an airplane mechanic. He retired as a maintenance supervisor in Metairie. Mr. Shouppe

was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Woolmark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Dottie Shouppe.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Shouppe of Pass Christian; a daughter, Loretta Shouppe of Morganton, N.C.; three sons, Johnny Shouppe of Pass Christian and Larry E. Shouppe and Steve Shouppe, both of Morganton; two sisters, Ruby McClosky and Clara Gilbert; and a brother, Roy Shouppe, all of Morganton; 18 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were conducted Friday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to Gulf Coast 7th Day Adventist Church, 13301 Hwy. 67, Biloxi, MS 39532.

HAROLD DEAN SMITH
 Harold Dean Smith, 36, of Kiln, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, in New Orleans.

Mr. Smith was a native of New Port Beach, Calif. and a resident of Kiln. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jo-Ann Calvert.

Survivors include his wife, Patti Volpe Smith of Kiln; two daughters, Melissa Lynn and Dianna Marie Smith, both of Kiln; his father, Jarold D. Smith of River Ridge, La.; a brother, Jarold W. Smith of Tampa, Fla.; and a sister, Tracie Ann Schar of Hart, Mich.

Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services and interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, Rotten Bayou, Hancock County.

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Hancock receives funds for 'Gateways'

BY ED LEPOMA
 Staff Writer

Hancock County is poised to begin a gateway enhancement project in a joint effort financed by a state grant, and the support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Supervisors.

Sue Chamberlain, the chamber's smart growth director, came to Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors bearing the good news. It was music to the ears of supervisors, who spent most of the day hearing complaints.

Chamberlain told supervisors the Mississippi Forestry Commission has awarded Hancock County a \$6,681 grant to begin the Gateway Enhancement Program. The grant will be matched by a \$2,000 cash donation from the Chamber and by in-kind services and by a \$1,500 donation made by supervisors. A total \$13,181 will be available for landscaping main entrances into Hancock County. Tentative locations mentioned for landscaping are at the foot of the

Bay St. Louis bridge and U.S. Hwy. 90 and at I-10 and state Hwy. 603.

According to Chamberlain, "The Gateway Enhancement idea was initiated at the invitation of Tulane University architecture students, who determined that Hancock County had a lot to offer, but people traveling on the county's major thoroughfares did not have any idea of the uniqueness and richness of the community."

The Vision 2000 Committee of the Chamber visited other communities and learned they were able to establish a sense of location and place by developing gateways that uniquely advertised their heritage and charm. "The Gateway idea became a

mission of the Chamber and Chamber members learned from trips made to Fairhope and Daphne, Alabama and Madison, Mississippi. The entrances to these communities are so pretty and so well landscaped. People know they are entering a special place," said Chamber President Dusty Rhodes.

Chamberlain said the grant funds require the gateways be placed on publicly-owned land. "The Chamber and Board of Supervisors opted to develop a planting design with help from the community through a series of workshops," said Chamberlain. Grant funds will be used to design the gateways, and local matching funds will be used to purchase plants and

prepare locations for the gateways.

Chamberlain said volunteers are needed to participate in future workshops to help design the gateways and to help plant. Volunteers can call the Chamber at 467-9048.

Rocky Pullman, President of the Board of Supervisors, said he wholeheartedly endorses the Gateway project.

"People need to know they are entering a very vibrant, historic and culturally diverse community," said Pullman. "A lot of our unique traits are hidden from the casual traveler on Highway 90 and 603. We need some little clue on these highways to let people know that we are pretty unique."

Get the scoop at the Jackson Zoo

It's cool fun for the whole family at the Jackson Zoo's sixth annual Ice Cream Safari scheduled for Saturday, July 22, from 4 - 7 p.m.

This year's Angel Food Ice Cream flavors include Banana Panda Pudding, Rhino Ripple Fudge, Fabulous Flamingo Strawberry, Cheetah Cherry Vanilla, Zebras & Cream, Giraffacino Chip and more.

This year's featured flavor

will be Lorikeet Lemon in celebration of the recently opened Lorikeet Exhibit in the Children's Discovery Zoo.

Visitors to the zoo will pay regular admission plus one

additional dollar for an Ice Cream Safari Pass for unlimited tasting. Friends of the Zoo receive free zoo admission, but will need to purchase an Ice Cream Safari pass.

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The ones you loved so truly still love you day by day and wait to see you once again in Heaven some fine day.

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In Memoriam

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WAYNE ELLIS

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My big teddy bear. Under that rough exterior was a big soft hearted teddy. I thank God for the time we did have though it was so short. You are the love of my life. Diane and I love you and miss you. Thank you for your love.

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Arrests

Editors note: The following is a listing of arrests recorded at the Hancock County Justice Facility from June 30-July 7. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Two illegals were held for the United States Border Patrol and one illegal was held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- Tammy M. Holland-Date of birth, 3/26/75-simple assault/trespassing.
- Laura Mitchell-Date of birth, 8/15/63-reckless driving.
- Lazanna Holland-Date of birth, 3/4/68-simple assault.
- Randell Maffrey-Date of birth, 4/7/44-attempt to obtain controlled substances by fraud.
- Doyle Dahl-Date of birth, 7/16/67-aggravated assault.
- Sybil A. Spiers-Date of birth, 12/22/66-p/v.
- Patricia Shubert-Date of birth, 9/21/57-simple assault, domestic.
- Michael Bye-Date of birth, 11/27/61-mittimus.
- Adam J. Darenbourg-Date of birth, 12/9/72-simple assault, domestic.
- Sean Alexander Adams-Date of birth, 7/29/76-DUI/speeding.
- Richard A. Mayne-Date of birth, 10/1/65-suspended d/l/expired tag/improper equipment.
- David Rica-Date of birth, 5/13/75-DUI, other substance/simple possession while operating a motor vehicle/improper equipment/no headlights.
- Henry B. Jordan-Date of birth, 10/12/54-disorderly conduct/possession of paraphernalia.
- Michael W. Stier-Date of birth, 9/12/63-DUI/careless driving.
- Kathryn E. Roby-Date of birth, 10/26/61-2nd DUI/careless driving.
- Carl Lamar Brown-Date of birth, 2/16/74-shopping.
- Tommy C. Flot-Date of birth, 10/27/61-public drunk.
- Willie Nelson-Date of birth, 5/13/56-disturbance of family, domestic.
- Preston R. Stephens-Date of birth, 6/19/69-simple assault.

The New York Times Book Review Best Sellers List

The Hancock County Library System reports the following books listed on the New York Times Best Seller List have been ordered by the system's libraries. The initials in parentheses following the descriptions stand for the library branch at which the books are available: B=Bay St. Louis; W=Waveland; K=Kosciusko; P=Pearl River; NA=Not Available.

FICTION

1. **Hot Six**, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin \$24.95) A New Jersey bounty hunter searches for her mentor, who is the No. 1 suspect in the killing of an arms dealer's son. (BK)
2. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$19.95) A British boy's life at a school for witchcraft is threatened when an infamous murderer escapes from prison. (BKWP)
3. **The Indwelling**, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale \$22.99) The seventh volume in a series about true believers who confront the Antichrist after the rapture of the saved. (BK)
4. **Cradle and All**, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown \$25.95) A former nun turned private eye works on a case involving two virgins who become pregnant. (BW)
5. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic \$17.95) A British boy finds trouble when he returns to a witchcraft school (BKWP)
6. **The Brethren**, by John Grisham. (Doubleday \$27.95) Three former judges, doing time at a federal prison in Florida, concoct a mail scam that goes awry. (BKWP)
7. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$16.95) A British boy finds his fortune attending a school for witchcraft. (BKWP)
8. **The Vineyard**, by Barbara Delinsky. (Simon & Schuster, \$25) When the owner of a vineyard decides to write a

memoir, she enlists the help of a younger woman. (B)

9. **Easy Prey**, by John Sanford. (Putnam \$25.95) The homicide detective Lucas Davenport investigates the strangulation of a famous model. (BK)

10. **Midnight in Ruby Bayou**, by Elizabeth Lowell. (Morrow, \$24) Faith Donovan, jeweler to the rich and famous, becomes involved with a dangerous family. (B)

NONFICTION

1. **Flags of Our Fathers**, by James Bradley with Ron Powers. (Bantam \$24.95) The story of the men who raised the flag of Iwo Jima, by the son of one of them. (B)

2. **In the Heart of the Sea**, by Nathaniel Philbrick. (Viking \$24.95) The story of the whaleship Essex, whose disastrous fate in the early 19th century would later serve as inspiration for Herman Melville. (BK)

3. **Don't Make Me Stop This Car!**, by Al Roker. (Scribner, \$24) The television weatherman looks at the joys and perils of fatherhood. (B)

4. **Tuesdays with Morrie**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95) The author tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)

5. **The Greatest Generation**, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House \$24.95) The lives of men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II. (BKWP)

6. **Me Talk Pretty One Day**, by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown \$22.95) A collection of autobiographical comic essays by the author of "Naked." (B)

7. **From Dawn to Decadence**, by Jacques Barzun. (HarperCollins \$36) A survey of 500 years of Western Cultural life, from 1500 to the present. (B)

8. **Pop! Thein**, by Garry Wills. (Doubleday, \$25) A chronicle of what the author sees as the evasions and distortions of the Vatican over the past two centuries. (B)

Week of July 7-13

- Richard D. Farrell-Date of birth, 7/13/77-simple assault, domestic/possession of a controlled substance/grand larceny.
- Draper Scott Cuevas-Date of birth, 11/22/80-1st DUI.
- John J. Vivoni-Date of birth, 2/7/52-disturbance of family, domestic/uttering a threat.
- Marlon L. Oatis-Date of birth, 4/10/65-order to revoke bond.
- Kimmy Ladner-Date of birth, 6/18/80-simple assault.
- Oscar McCall-Date of birth, 8/12/77-contempt of court/failure to pay fine.
- Raymond L. Mueller-Date of birth, 6/12/79-possession of drug paraphernalia/speeding/suspended d/l.
- Richard Alfonse Ben-Date of birth, 6/1/82-contributing to a minor/disorderly conduct/resisting arrest.
- Brysson Lamarque Lanceau-Date of birth, 3/4/82-contributing to a minor.
- Charles Brady Destefanis-Date of birth, 10/1/80-possession of a controlled substance.
- Ernie J. Lizanna-Date of birth, 4/28/68-p/v.
- Allen J. Williamson Jr.-Date of birth, 8/15/74-back for court.
- Jason Cagle-Date of birth, 7/16/81-possession of stolen property.
- Erik Hoffman-Date of birth, 3/26/81-possession of stolen property.
- Nakia Rivard-Date of birth, 7/3/80-contempt of court.
- Eddie Paul Lede-Date of birth, 12/26/69-burglary.
- Maricela I. Canales-Date of birth, 12/9/46-back for court.
- Jimmy Joseph Leboeuf-Date of birth, 10/30/81-burglary.
- Brian L. Galbreth-Date of birth, 10/26/78-Possession of a c/s with intent/ resisting arrest/bribing a police officer/failure to yield/speeding/no seat belt/improper tag.
- Kim L. Burch-Date of birth, 5/25/65-possession of paraphernalia/reckless driving/suspended d/l/no seat belt/contempt of court.
- Steve Henry-Date of birth, 3/2/67-disorderly conduct.
- Steven R. Henry-Date of birth, 3/2/67-3rd DUI.
- Howard James Glaze-Date of birth, 1/2/69-simple assault, domestic/resisting arrest/disorderly conduct/public drunk.
- Charles Curt Pogue-Date of birth, 9/8/81-1st DUI/improper equipment.

Military Mention

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Linda K. Adams was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Adams is the daughter of Betty M. and Tony D. Adams of Bay St. Louis.

She is a 1999 graduate of Bay High School.

9. **Payne Stewart**, by Tracey Stewart with Ken Abraham. (Broadman & Holman, \$24.95) A biography of the golfer who died in a plane crash in 1999, by his widow. (B)

10. **In a Sunburned County**, by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, \$25) The author of "A Walk in the Woods" reports on his travels through Australia.

ADVICE, HOW-TO AND MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Who Moved My Cheese?** by Spencer Johnson. (Putnam \$19.95) How to deal with changes at work and in life in general. (BK)

2. **Body for Life**, by Bill Phillips with Michael D'Orso. (HarperCollins \$26) Ways to improve one's body and one's life. (B)

3. **Ten Things I Wish I'd Known - Before I Went Out Into the Real World**, by Maria Shriver. (Warner \$19.95) Life lessons from the anchorwoman.

4. **Soul Stories**, by Gary Zukav. (Simon & Schuster, \$24) Ways in which an understanding of the soul can transform one's life. (BK)

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce July Business After Hours is set for Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Hancock Medical Center.

The After Hours will feature the Collins C. Diboll Magnetic Resonance Imaging Suite at Hancock Medical Center.

Entrance will be through the Cardiac Rehab Department across from HMC's Business and Education Complex. Just follow the crowd.

This is a good time for folks to get together and renew old friendships and make new ones. Admission is two business cards.

We hope to see you at the After Hours on Thursday.

The time for the third Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo is nearing.

Many slots have been filled, and there are still a few spaces left, so if you want your business or industry to participate, give the chamber a call at 467-9048.

Remember, last year there was a record number of participants. In addition there was a huge number of folks from the community visiting the Expo which will again be held at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

The date for this year's affair is Thursday, August 24.

If you are looking for a place to go or for something to do today, you may want to consider the annual St. Paul's Seafood Festival in Pass Christian.

There will be live entertainment, seafoods of all varieties and traditional food as well. There will be all types of pastries for those with a sweet tooth and also arts and crafts booths and carnival rides for those who enjoy them.

The hours are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Seafood Festival is held on the Pass Christian fairgrounds fronting the beach directly across from St. Paul's Catholic Church.

A good time is usually had by those who attend the Seafood Festival in the Pass.

I do not know about you, but I feel it sure has been an extremely hot summer for us on the Coast, and the "dog days" of August have not arrived yet.

On Thursday temperatures registered at 100 in several locations in the county and probably higher in a few places.

This was topped at 105 degrees on Friday after lunch. That is the highest temperature I can recall us ever having in the Bay-Waveland area. It may have been hotter at other times, but I do not remember those times.

I just feel sorry for folks who are working outside in those extreme temperatures.

Experts tell us we need to drink a lot of liquids when temperatures are as hot as they have been in recent weeks.

I usually like the warm weather seasons over the cold of winter, but recent weeks have been having me reconsider my likes.

I realize we can talk about the weather, but really we cannot do anything about it, other than turn to air conditioning.

In today's world recycling is really a hot issue, and it is good to see Hancock County's Solid Waste Authority looking at the possibility to include the entire county in recycling.

Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Diamondhead already have recycling programs, but the balance of the county does not.

The county plans to advertise for a new recycling contract, and hopefully everyone will be covered.

It is important to recycle everything possible as solid waste sites are filling up, and no one wants one in their area.

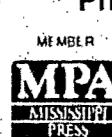
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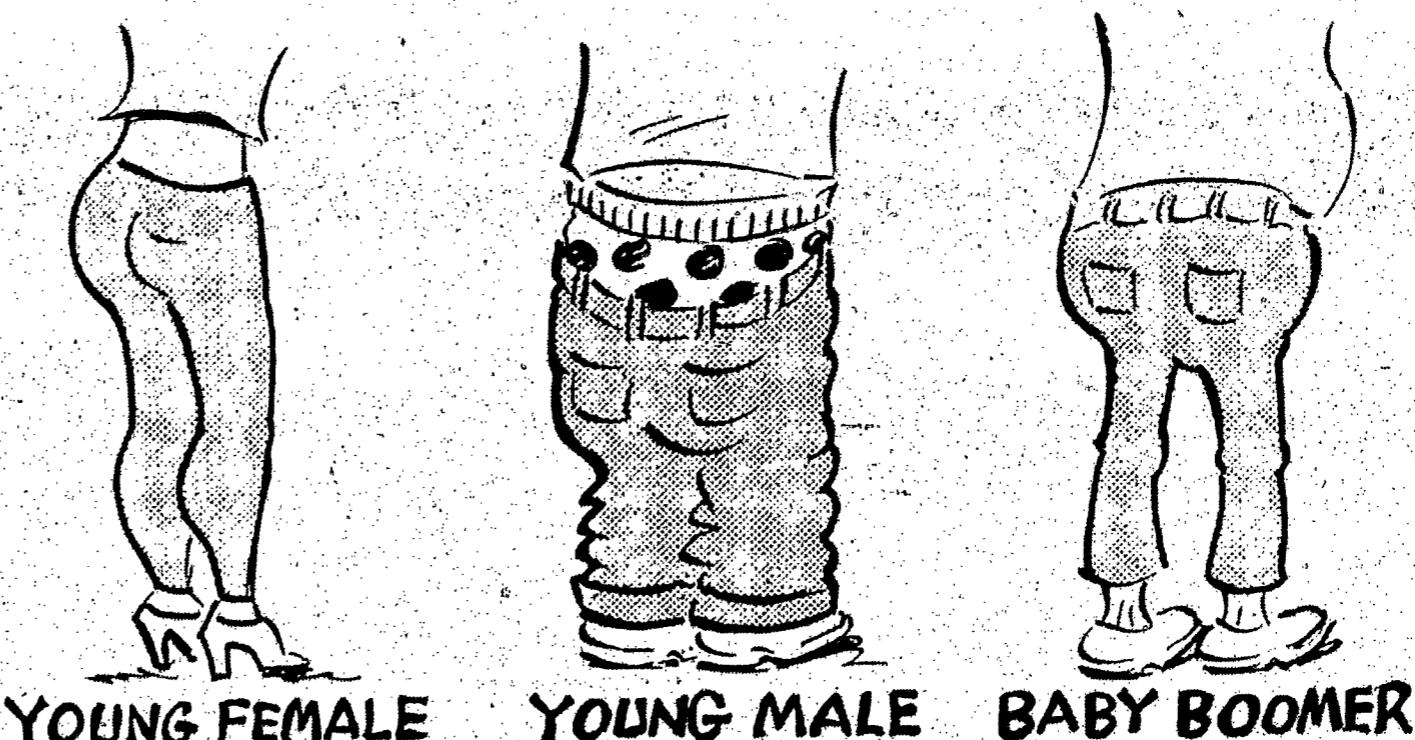
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Breast Cancer Task Force donates funds to HMG

Dear Editor:

This letter is to express my appreciation to the businesses and people who participated in the Breast Cancer Task Force fund raiser held June 24 and 25.

The \$2,614 collected was deposited into a special fund at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

Every \$50 donated equals a free mammogram for an unin-

sured woman.

To donate directly to this cause or to get a mammogram, please contact Ms. Moran at 467-8721.

Remember, a mammogram only takes 15 minutes and breast cancer can take your life.

Thanks again.

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ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
CVSO

Gulf War vets with disability surpasses 25%

Of Desert Storm's 700,000 troops, 26 percent are now considered disabled using Department of Veterans Affairs categorization.

Operation Desert Storm, which concluded in 1991 with what initially appeared to be relatively low numbers of U.S. personnel losses, has instead proven to be costly to the 183,000 Gulf War veterans who have been officially declared disabled by the VA.

Just recently, the disability rate from the nine-month Gulf War has reached 26 percent of all the 700,000 troops who served.

This rate, two and one half times the disability rate from the 10-year Vietnam War, is the highest disability rate for any modern U.S. combat experience.

Separate reports confirm similar findings by a scientist who says he is convinced that many thousands of Gulf War veterans suffer from the controversial Gulf War Syndrome (GWS).

"We've got 50,000 guys out there with severe vertigo and they're dying in traffic accidents at an alarming rate," said

Robert Haley, M.D., of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

He said the GWS injuries from sarin nerve gas are responsible for killing more than 500 Gulf War vets in vertically caused accidents.

Dr. Haley's researchers studied damage to the deep brain structures of Gulf War veterans.

With government spending surpassing an estimated \$133 million to determine whether a condition such as GWS exists, no finding has supported a GWS category of illness.

At least one VA official has told Congress that the majority of Gulf War-related disability claims involve knee injuries.

The undisputed fact is that the rate of disabilities from the Gulf War far exceeds the rate of World War II (8.6 percent) and the Korean War (5 percent).

Of all Vietnam War vets, 9.6 percent have been declared disabled.

However, VA attributes the high Gulf War disability rate to its better ability to assess combat-related injuries and its ability to communicate the availability of benefits to veterans.

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Ellis Cuevas, publisher

Health department releases youth tobacco survey

The State Department of Health State Health Officer Thursday released the findings of the 2000 Mississippi Youth Tobacco Survey.

State Health Officer Dr. Ed Thompson announced that for the first time, the survey shows "some statistically significant decreases in youth smoking".

The percent of public high school students who report ever having smoked, even one cigarette, dropped from 77.2 percent in 1999 to 71.5 percent in 2000.

A substantial and statistically significant drop occurred in smoking among eighth graders. In 1999, 29 percent of public school eighth graders were current smokers; in 2000, that fell by more than one-third to 18.5 percent.

Smokeless tobacco use fell among black middle school students - a statistically significant drop from 6.5 percent in 1999 to less than half of that, 2.7 percent in 2000.

Tobacco use among high school students declined overall, from 42 percent in 1999 to 40.6 percent in 2000, but the change is not statistically significant.

Smoking and other tobacco use was lower in a number of categories as well, but most of the declines are not statistically significant.

Small increases were measured in a few groups: private high school smoking went from 38.6 percent in 1999 to 41.7 percent in 2000, but these differences are not statistically significant.

Thompson called the results encouraging but emphasized caution in interpreting the findings: "We're seeing statistically significant improvements in

TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
COUNTIES

Q In what name should property be titled?

A Section 19-7-1 of the Mississippi Code authorizes boards of supervisors to acquire real property in the name of the county (such as, "Example County, a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi"). The same rules should apply for certificates of title and bills of sale of personal property. (Attorney General's opinion to Ross dated April 7, 2000)

Q May a county locate the jail on land belonging to an economic development district?

A No. The board of supervisors may only establish and construct a jail upon land owned by the county itself in fee simple, and may not establish and construct a jail upon land belonging to an economic development district even though the economic development district was created by and is a subdivision of the county. (Attorney General's opinion to Smith dated April 7, 2000)

Q Where should original title documents for real and personal property be maintained?

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Wildlife Extravaganza offers fun for the entire family

The 14th annual Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza, August 4-6 at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson, promises to provide showgoers the kind of non-stop activity they have come to expect from the "Ganza."

Sponsored by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, the three-day Extravaganza is the largest hunting and fishing consumer show in Mississippi.

Hundreds of exhibitors and a host of outdoor-related programs will provide entertainment for the entire family. Participatory and spectator events alike are on the agenda.

Seminars will include Larry C. Brooks wild game cooking and recipes demonstrations. Attorneys Mike Massey and Will Vise of Jackson will discuss landowner issues and lease negotiations.

Children who want to try their hand at shooting can do so at the Daisy BB Range, staffed by hunter safety instructors from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

The Daisy BB Range is just one of the many exciting activities for kids.

On the main stage, kids of all ages will enjoy show favorite Terry Vandeventer,

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Jason Reynolds for his fishing demonstrations all weekend.

Also included on the seminar schedule is world champion whitetail deer and turkey caller

Gary Sefton and turkey expert Preston Pittman.

Blue Ribbon Kennels will demonstrate retriever techniques. Anyone interested in shooting wildlife with a camera should make plans to attend nature photographer Paul Brown's seminars.

One main attraction at the Extravaganza is the Annual Big Buck Contest. Registration opens at 3 p.m. Friday and closes at noon Saturday.

Men, women, and youths will compete in their categories in gun, archery, and muzzleloader divisions. Mounts will be judged in typical and non-typical classes.

On Saturday, Ducks Unlimited will host its sanctioned state, and regional calling competition and seminar.

"Mississippi Outdoors" and the MDWF&P will also be at the show. It's a great opportunity to renew your hunting and fishing license. Everyone is welcome to stop by Mississippi Traditional Archery's Fun Shoot to try out both long and recurve bows.

The show is open Friday 3:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission is \$7 per adult or \$14 for a weekend pass, \$3 for children under 12, and kids under 6 are admitted free. For more details about the show call MWF at (601) 206-5703.

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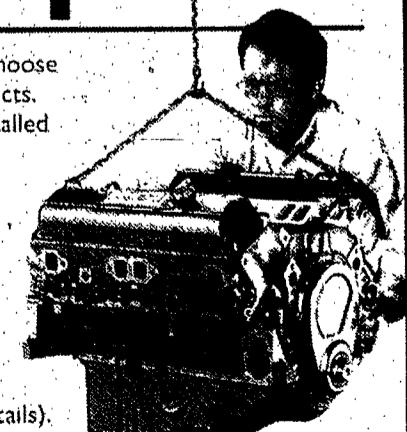
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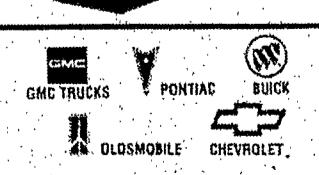
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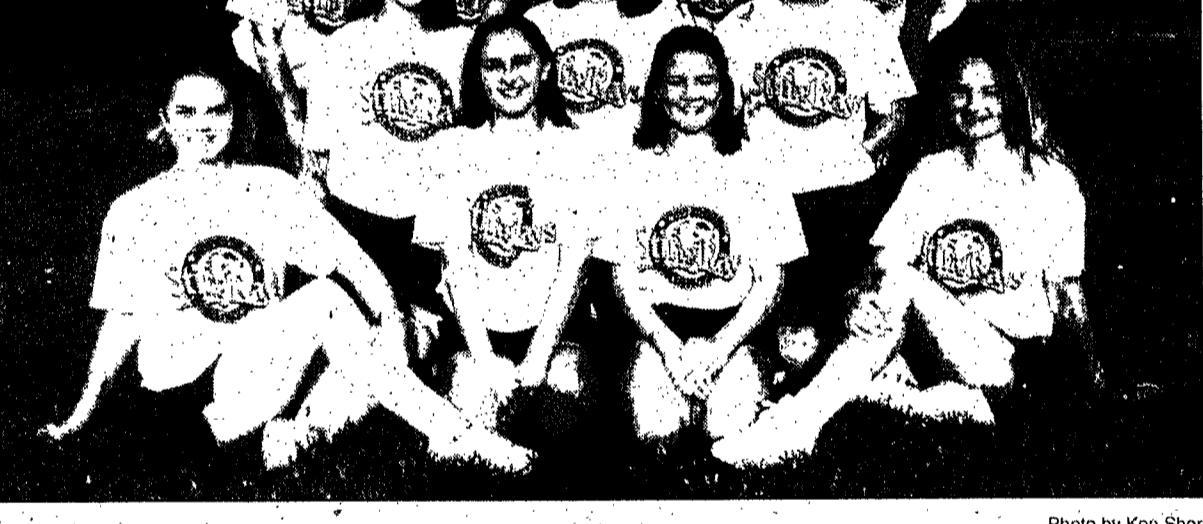


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Stingrays dance team

Members of the Gulf Coast Stingrays dance team include, top row, Alison Pigott, Maegan Thornton, Ashly Parnell, Jessica Melville and Mary Mitchell; middle row, Jessica Ladner, Belynn Sheffield and Janie Slaughter; bottom row, Lauren Hennessey, Paige Raschke, Cortney Peterson and Maureen Hennessey.



Photo by Ken Short

Stingrays cheerleaders

The cheerleaders who have made the Mississippi Gulf Coast Stingrays' squad are, top row, Chloe Bertrand, Tywanna Kaiger, Destin Carver, Tiffany Longo, Brittany Duverney, Alicia Mitchell, Brandi Milner, Rachel Hegler and Ashlee Maurice; middle row, Hillary Thomas, Cherokee Buras, Kortney Duverney, Caitie Green, Katie Mallin, Ashly Mallin, Allison Hegler and Kaylee Dwyer; bottom row, Nikki McGregor, Hollie Crosby, Megan Cosby, Kelly Marie, Toni Lotz, Call Longo and Paige Morel.

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American Legion Post 139



The color guard opens ceremonies Friday evening at the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139. The organization installed new officers Friday.

Local members attend American Legion Auxiliary convention

The 79th annual American Legion Auxiliary Department of Mississippi was held in Jackson at the Crown Plaza Hotel on July 6-9.

Billie Burke, Department president, presided over the convention. The Auxiliary members reported their activities for the past year and awards were presented for outstanding reports of service to the community, state, and nation.

Burke presented awards for the most outstanding unit in the state, and this year there was a tie between Hovious-Grayson Unit 112 of Jackson and Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 of Bay St. Louis.

Lou Wilkerson of Bay St. Louis Department Girls State director introduced Elizabeth Wilson, Magnolia Girls State governor.

Wilson spoke to the group about her experience at Girls State and what Girls State meant to her. She is from Laurel and is the daughter of Chris and Holly Wilson.

The Past Presidents Luncheon was held on Saturday, and the Auxiliary Woman of the Year Award was announced.

Lorene Martin of Hovious Grayson Unit 112, Jackson, was

selected to represent Mississippi at the Woman of the Year luncheon at the National Convention in Milwaukee.

After the luncheon the Past Department Presidents met and elected their parley officers and set their plans for the coming year.

Marcheta Peetz was elected president, and Jean Eady will serve as the finance officer and memorial chairman.

Legionnaire Wendell Craft of Tylertown presents the Wendell Craft Award each year.

The award goes to an Auxiliary member who does an outstanding job of representing the American Legion Auxiliary and its many programs.

This year's award went to Ruby Goza of Unit 44 in Kosciusko. Goza and her husband, Blair, have worked for the American Legion and Auxiliary for over 35 years.

She is the Auxiliary representative at the State Veterans Home at Kosciusko where she puts in many volunteer hours.

On Sunday the following officers for 2000-2001 were installed: Joyce Porter, of Columbus, Department president; Janet Aime of Bay St. Louis, Department 1st vice president; Kathy Dungan of

Cleveland, Department 2nd vice president; Bobbey Worrell of Petal, Department historian; Janice Crosby of Jackson, Department chaplain; Billie Burke of Jackson National Exec. committeewoman; and Tommie Stroud of Jackson, alternate NEC.

Lou Wilkerson, past Department president of Bay St. Louis, served as the installing officer.

District presidents from the nine districts across the state were also installed. Mattie North of Bay St. Louis was installed as Ninth District president.

Those attending from Bay St. Louis were Billie Tidbury, Unit 139 president, Frances Graves, incoming president of Unit 139; Jim and Doris Long, Commander of Post 139; Ray and Elaine Cowie, John and Lou Wilkerson, D. W. and Mattie North, Joe and Carolyn Bermond, Janet Aime, Marian Foucha, and Agnes Chevis Lynn.

Sydney Chevis of Unit 139's Junior Auxiliary also attended the Junior Convention.

The American Legion and Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference will be conducted in Vicksburg in January.

Clinic

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tion and erect a 4,000-square-foot metal building on a site alongside the David A. McDonald Training Center.

He said estimates are the building could come in costing between \$210,000 to \$215,000, but the hospital would need to hire additional help to complete the interior of the building.

The HMC Board of Trustees announced as far back as July of 1998 it would seek to establish a medical clinic at Port Bienville to serve tenants of the industrial park and resi-

dents of the nearby Ansley and Pearlington Communities.

It put out the project for bids several times, but bids far exceeded the amount available for the project. Hospital trustees then considered converting some space in the McDonald Training Center to accommodate a clinic, but later abandoned those plans.

The clinic being built will include a reception area, a waiting room, several examination rooms, two doctor's offices, a nursing station, an imaging suite, a laboratory, a business

office and records room and a staff break room.

Plans call for the clinic to offer X-rays, inoculations and various screenings, and emergency medical treatment. It would initially operate five days a week, but could expand to six days if the demand is justified, according to hospital officials.

Leftwich said the clinic could be up and running by the end of this year. "It would be my delayed Christmas present," he said.

Jailed

Corr said, "agents John Bordages and J.J. Roberts stopped a suspect vehicle and arrested (Jarvis) for the sale of a controlled substance. Upon search of the vehicle, Agent Roberts located four more ounces of cocaine."

Officers seized the illicit drugs, two electronic scales, a 1993 Dodge Dakota pick-up truck and about \$4,800 in cash, Corr said.

Jarvis was charged with the sale of a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, Corr said, and is being held at the Hancock County Justice Facility without bond.

At the time of the arrest Friday, Jarvis was already out on a \$50,000 bond for a June 15

arrest in which he was charged with intent to distribute three ounces of crack cocaine.

He also has a 1994 conviction for possession of a controlled substance - crack cocaine; and operating a "chop shop" in Hancock County, Corr said. He had been sentenced to 15 years and four years, respectively, for those crimes, Corr said, but received early parole.

Assisting at the scene were Corr, NTF Agent Howard Parker, Sheriff Steve Garber and sheriff's office Chief Investigator Robert Lambert.

Earlier last week, agents arrested Brian L. "Big B" Galbreath, 21, of Diamondhead, charging him with possession of a controlled substance with intent to dis-

tribute, attempted bribery of a police officer and resisting arrest, Corr said.

The arrest occurred when agents Roberts, Bordages, Parker and Chris Russell were investigating drug trafficking in the Diamondhead area, Corr said. "Upon attempting to stop Galbreath on a traffic violation, agents began pursuit and chased him down I-10 to Exit 20, the deLisle exit, when the vehicle finally came to a stop."

Corr said that when Galbreath got out of his car, the cocaine fell out of his sock.

He was lodged in the Hancock County Justice Facility, but was released Thursday on a \$50,000 bond.

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Murder

Officers are also waiting for results to return from the state crime lab before charging any possible suspect, Cuevas said.

Chief Investigator Robert Lambert said earlier this month that investigations "revealed that Spiers was speaking to a friend on the telephone when she received a visitor at her door. She told her friend that she would call back, which she never did."

Officers on the case include Lambert, investigators Kenny Hurt, Phillip Pavolini and Matt Karl, and Chief of Patrol Bobby Underwood.

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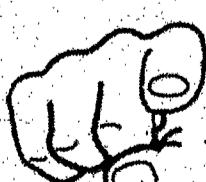
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MDOT dedicates Memorial Courtyard to fallen employees killed in line of duty

In memory and honor of service to the state of Mississippi through progress of its transportation system, the three-member elected Mississippi Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) have placed a memorial plaque in the courtyard of its administration building for MDOT employees killed in the line of duty.

Located between the administration building and the adjacent parking garage, the courtyard was also dedicated in memory of Robert L. "Bob" Hollimon, a civil engineer and longtime MDOT employee. The dedications were made during ceremonies held June 21.

In recognizing the memorial to MDOT employees, Chief Engineer Jim Kopf said, "These are people like you and me, people who had worked 40 years and people who had worked a few days. They had one thing in common when they hugged their wives or husbands or children that morning. They didn't have a thought that they might not come back that evening."

MTC Chairman Dick Hall, central district transportation commissioner, said, "I think it is appropriate that today we honor Bob Hollimon, but also that we honor coworkers and people who have lost their lives

doing what they did everyday to earn their living."

Hall referred to a recent highway accident involving an MDOT employee in emphasizing the importance of the courtyard dedication.

Southern District Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown noted the contributions of MDOT employees.

"Our (MDOT) people are out there making our lives more comfortable, making life safer. It is very fitting here today that we dedicate this (courtyard) to those employees and name it in memory of Bob Hollimon."

Northern District Transportation Commissioner Zack Stewart said "by dedicating this park (to the fallen MDOT employees) and to Bob Hollimon, I think MDOT is saying that we care and we will remember you."

Funding for the memorial plaques was provided through private contributions. The names of fallen MDOT employees are not yet listed on their memorial plaque but the names will be added when research and confirmation of their identities is complete, Kopf said.

Hollimon contributed 35 years of service to MDOT. Before his death in December 1992, he had been appointed Director-Office of Highways just three months earlier.

"It is a worthy place to be dedicated as a memorial," said Kenneth I. Warren, MDOT executive director at the time of the ceremonies and a long-time friend of Hollimon.

In 1975, Bob came to Jackson as an assistant chief engineer-operations where his life was wrapped around the total business and mission of this department. By memorializing this courtyard in Bob Hollimon's memory, we trust that the future Department of Transportation employees will also come to know who this individual was and become aware of his love for this department.

After his keynote address, Warren joined Mrs. Robert L. "Kay" Hollimon in unveiling the plaque to her husband. Mrs. Hollimon left a memorial of her own, a red rose, at the base of the plaque. Commissioner Hall said his relationship with Hollimon dates back to their time as students at Mississippi State University. "Anybody who knew Bob knew there was one trait he always had and that was a head full of common sense, usually resulting in good judgment," Hall said.

Commissioner Stewart described Hollimon as a "chief overseer" in the department. "Some people come into your life and may fade away. Some people come into your life and

stay for a while and you're changed forever. All those who knew Bob are changed forever and the face of MDOT has been changed forever because of Bob Hollimon."

The ceremonies concluded with the retrieval of colors by the MDOT Law Enforcement Officers Color Guard and a bagpiper's rendition of "Amazing Grace."

A native of Ellisville, Miss., Hollimon attended Jones Junior College and Mississippi State University where he received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

He worked for the then Mississippi State Highway Department (MSHD) during the summers preceding graduation and signed on full-time as a designer in the MSHD Roadway Design Division.

After a leave of absence due to military service, Hollimon returned to MSHD in its Vicksburg offices as an engineer. He moved through the engineering ranks until he reached assistant chief engineer-operations before his appointment to Director-Office of Highways.

The courtyard is part of the MDOT administration building complex at 401 North West Street, started in February 1992 and completed in the spring of 1994.

Teachers participate in writing project



Let's write

Recent South Mississippi Writing Project participants included, from left, Sharon Schafer, Gulfview Elementary librarian; Matthew Beiser, Hancock North Central Elementary, fifth grade science; Leslie Lizana-Brown, North Bay Elementary second grade; and Holly Robertson, North Bay Elementary, second grade.

The South Mississippi Writing Project recently completed its 6th year of the invitational writing institute on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The SMWP is one of seven regional sites in Mississippi for the national writing project, an institute that secured federal funding in 1991, largely through the efforts of Senator Thad Cochran.

The SMWP participants were selected from over 40 Coast school district applicants to learn more about effective writing and strategies to teach writing.

The 17-day institute was facilitated by Frances Weiler and Mary Kay Deen, co-directors of the SMWP.

Grant will help USM Literacy Center

By Phil Hearn

A federal grant of nearly \$1 million will help a University of Southern Mississippi literacy program reach further into the community to teach children how to read.

"It's all about children who need help being able to get it," Dr. Dana Thamess said of the congressionally designated \$925,000 grant, which will be channeled through the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs for FY2001.

Director since 1990 of USM's 54-year-old Center for Literacy and Assessment, Thamess said Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., played a guiding role over the past four years in helping the center obtain the grant.

"When they called and said, 'You have it,' my response was just to think how many children we can help with this money," said Thamess, who this year also became chair of USM's Department of Curriculum and Instruction. "That's what it's all about."

Dr. Carl Mairay, dean of USM's College of Education and Psychology, lauded Thamess' leadership and noted the grant "will allow the center which traditionally has had very few resources, to expand its services and disseminate research to the professional education community."

Dr. Myron Henry, university provost, commended Thamess for her work and thanked Cochran for his support. "Dr. Thamess captures the heart of it all when she speaks about the children in Mississippi this notable award will help," he said.

The center, now located in USM's Speech and Hearing Building, historically has offered diagnostic and remediation services to non-readers while fostering the training of pre-service teachers.

More recently, it has expanded its mission to include on-site programs for experienced teachers at area school districts.

Center faculty develop meth-

ods for assessing literacy, act as curriculum consultants, conduct research related to literacy skills, and compile materials for a clearinghouse on literacy and assessment information – all free of charge.

Thamess said the grant will allow the center to update its technology, provide more one-on-one tutorial assistance, improve assessment and instruction, develop instructional videos for teacher and parent training, implement effective literacy protocols for early childhood and K-8 student populations, and disseminate research findings from the National Reading Panel.

"We'll be able to fund 10 graduate reading assistantships for persons working on doctorates in literacy, so they can work with some of the children who have special needs in the area of literacy," she said. "We'll also use this money to upgrade facilities to provide the services I mentioned earlier."

Thamess said the center currently serves about 200 students a semester off-campus at area schools, and another 50 per semester on the Southern Miss campus, predicting, "We'll be able to double that number with this grant."

USM was Mississippi Southern College back in 1946 when the Center for Literacy and Assessment was established as the Reading Clinic, during the administration of President R.C. Cook.

Advances in technology have helped the center – which includes Thamess, eight other faculty and an array of student teachers – extend its reach in recent years.

While most schools seek to teach children basic reading skills through third grade, Thamess said the center's emphasis is on "reading to learn."

She has found truth in the education adage: "Every teacher is a teacher of reading." And she also puts a lot of stock in the decades-old advice that young

children pick up reading more quickly when they're actively read to by parents and others.

"We would like to work ourselves out of a center," Thamess

said in an earlier interview. "We want there to come a day where there's not anyone who doesn't know how to read, or how to read and learn."

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Clean and Beautiful Awards

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• Taco Bell

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nesses clean and beautiful.

Their efforts create community pride and are pleasing for both residents and visitors. The goal of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is to promote the social, civic and economic well-being of the community. Through various committees we have a number of programs and projects, both new and ongoing, to focus on this goal. Our Beautification Committee's awards are just one way we work to enhance Hancock County," said the Chamber's executive director, Carleen Moran.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Whitney Bank ribbon cutting

Whitney Bank, 725 Hwy. 90, Waveland, will celebrate the 're-grand opening' of its newly remodeled facility Monday, July 17. A ribbon cutting will take place at 3 p.m.

As an added attraction, the Visa NASCAR race car will be on site for the event.

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce officials will also be on hand for the ribbon cutting and invites everyone to attend.

Hancock Holding reports earnings

Hancock Holding Company (Nasdaq: HBHC) reported that it earned \$.79 per share in the second quarter of 2000, a 10% increase over the \$.72 per share reported for the second quarter of 1999.

On a year-to-date basis, Hancock reported regular ongoing earnings of \$1.57 per share compared to \$1.42 per share in 1999.

In addition, Hancock recognized an after-tax gain of \$.17 per share in the first quarter of 2000 related to the sale of its credit card portfolio.

Return on average assets was 1.13% for the second quarter of 2000, and return on average shareholder's equity was 10.59%.

For the second quarter of 1999, these returns were 1.02% and 10.18%, respectively. The company reported a net interest margin (tax equivalent) of 4.67% for the second quarter 2000 versus 4.66% for the same quarter a year ago.

Hancock Holding Company Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel commented, "Second quarter results were impacted by the following key items: loan growth of more than 10% from second quarter 1999; non-interest income growth of 8% from second quarter 1999; due primarily to continued revenue enhancement initiatives and trust department growth; and non-interest expenses down \$245,000 or 9% from second quarter 1999."

The quarterly provision for possible loan losses totaled \$2.4 million for the second quarter 2000. The provision was \$813,000 higher than the same quarter a year ago due to higher overall loan growth. The reserve for possible loan losses was 1.65% of total loans at June 30, 2000.

Hancock Holding Company, the parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana, has assets of \$3 billion.

Founded in 1899, Hancock Bank stands as one of the strongest, safest financial institutions in the United States, according to Veribanc, Inc. Bauer Financial Reports, Inc., also awarded Hancock Bank five-stars - the highest rating possible - for 19 consecutive quarters.

Bank subsidiaries include Hancock Investment Services, Inc., Hancock Insurance Agency, Hancock Mortgage Corporation and Harrison Finance Company. Hancock Holding Company's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol HBHC and is quoted under the abbreviation HancHd.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

You may not want to pull 'blue chips' off the table

For some time now, technology stocks have grabbed all the headlines. And they have remained the focus of investors, even though their performance has been wildly unpredictable, as evidenced by the stunning volatility of the technology-laden Nasdaq Composite Index this year.

The rush to technology has drawn some investors away from the traditional blue chip stocks — the older, established firms that manufacture actual products. This movement helped contribute to an early-year slump in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, home to many blue chips.

However, going back a little further we see that the Dow gained more than 25 percent in 1999. True, that was a far cry from the stratospheric 85 percent gain turned in by the Nasdaq for that year, but it's still an impressive figure. And it followed several other years of double-digit gains.

In short, anyone who took a long-term perspective could see that the blue chips were still worthy of attention. This fact became even more apparent when, in little more than a week in March, the Dow gained more

than 1,000 points. Why? Part of the answer may be that the blue chips were suddenly seen as more affordable than the high-flying technology stocks.

Despite the 34 percent correction in the Nasdaq earlier this year, many of these stocks, especially the "dot.com" companies, are trading at extremely high price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios. That simply means that investors are paying a high premium for the potential earning power of these companies, some of which have yet to show a profit.

Some market experts have suggested that the P/E, along with other traditional valuation measures, should be overlooked when it comes to evaluating the new, high-tech stocks. But other market watchers believe that companies with absolutely no history of earnings are, at the least, pretty risky.

Who is right? It's probably too early to say. In all likelihood, there will be some shakeouts in the high-tech world; particularly in the dot.com sector.

But no matter what happens in the technology area, blue chip stocks will still have an important place in a well-diversified portfolio. That's because blue

chips have at least three major advantages:

- *They make money* — A company that knows how to earn money in various economic climates should be of some interest to investors.

- *They pay dividends* — Stocks that pay dividends demonstrate that company's commitment to its shareholders. If you don't need the dividends as income, you can reinvest them back into the stock.

- *They have a track record* — Because blue chip companies generally have long track records, you can evaluate how they've performed in a variety of market cycles. This can be useful when you're considering different investment options.

In the final analysis, there is no one "right" category of stocks to own. In making your choices, you will want to consider your needs, your objectives and your tolerance for risk. Ultimately, you may find that you have room for the exciting technologies of tomorrow and the solid blue chips of today.

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Refrigeration engineers conference set in Biloxi

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Scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the Grand Casino Biloxi Bayview Hotel, the seminar will be lead by James F. Lesher of Mississippi Power Company.

Focusing on Overviews of ACCA Manuals J-S-T-D, this interactive seminar will have attendees solve realistic example problems.

Lesher will also demonstrate the ease of implementing proper design techniques using residential software.

Those who complete the seminar, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (lunch included), will earn .6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

James F. Lesher is the HVAC technical specialist with Mississippi Power Company. His current responsibilities include maintaining the integrity and the implementation of the Mississippi Power Company's GoodCents guarantee dealer program as well as handling HVAC-related customer complaints and teaching many HVAC courses to many HVAC dealers.

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RSES is the world's leading educational and training association for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration professionals.

Founded in 1933, it is a non-profit organization of nearly 25,000 members in 426 chapters in the U.S. and Canada and several international affiliate organizations.

Computer workshop

The USM Small Business Development Center will offer a workshop on "Advanced Quickbooks for Small Business" at 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 19 and 26 in the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center on the USM Gulf Coast campus.

This six-hour, hands-on computer workshop is for anyone who has already attended a beginners' Quickbooks class or who is familiar with the Quickbooks software. The instructor will be Gayla Schmitt of Bayview Inc.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Press association inducts three into 'Hall of Fame'

The Mississippi Press Association has inducted Ron Harrist, Associated Press News Editor Ronald Harrist, Oxford Eagle publisher Jesse P. Phillips, and syndicated columnist William Raspberry into its Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony took place during the President's Banquet during the association's 134th Annual Convention at the Biloxi Grand's Bayview Hotel in Biloxi.

From hurricanes and Elvis to campus riots and the Ku Klux Klan, Ron Harrist has been right smack in the middle of some of the biggest stories in Mississippi for over three decades.

His byline is well known to papers across the state, and his friendliness and eagerness to help the dozens of members who depend on AP have endeared him to veteran editors and rookie reporters alike.

Harrist was born April 14, 1943, in Tampa, Florida. A graduate of Mississippi College, he received a B. S. in Education and began his journalism career in 1964. After four years with The Jackson Daily News, he joined the AP in Jackson in 1968 and has become the mainstay of the AP's operation, training new staffers, advising members and helping direct news coverage in his position of News Editor.

Perhaps the epitome of Ron's dedication is his performance in 1992, when a tornado nearly demolished his home in Brandon. He wrote a stirring first-person account of his ordeal for the wire and helped AP cover the story, despite his own personal hardship.

Ron has dedicated his professional life to journalism in Mississippi. Last spring, at AP workshops on deadline editing in Grenada and Biloxi, he helped more than two dozen editors and reporters hone their skills. The AP is an important partner with Mississippi's newspapers and broadcast stations, and no one exemplifies that relationship better than

Ron Harrist. By every measure, Jesse Phillips' life has been exemplary. He is a successful businessperson; he has provided courageous, enlightened leadership for The Oxford Eagle; he has been a leader in the First Baptist Church of Oxford; and he has been a full participant in civic activities in the larger community, including Lafayette County, the City of Oxford, and the University of Mississippi.

Phillips was born January 20, 1932, in Calhoun City, Mississippi. A graduate of Grenada High School, and Holmes Community College, he set on his journalism path by next receiving a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Mississippi in 1954. The following year he received his Masters. Upon his graduation, he quickly established a place of leadership in the community.

Phillips was a partner in Rebel Press & Office Supply Company, Inc., from 1957 until 1972 when he became the sole owner. He served as president of the corporation until 1978, when the firm merged with another office supply company. He is still a major shareholder of Rebel Press.

In 1961 Phillips purchased one-third interest in The Oxford Eagle and became one-half owner of stock in 1972. He

presently serves as the newspaper's publisher. He is a partner in University Rentals (Oxford), The South Reporter (Holly Springs) and Quick Print (Oxford).

A proven leader, Phillips served as president of the Mississippi Press Association in 1977-78. He is also a past president of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce and a founder of the Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation.

Phillips is a respected member of the First Baptist Church in Oxford where he and his wife, Jeanette, have led the Sunflower Sunday School Class for almost thirty years. He is an

active deacon and has been chairman of deacons on several occasions.

Phillips has been honored by many groups with which he is associated, including 1980 Citizen of the Year, Lafayette County and 2000 Holmes Community College Alumni of the Year.

William Raspberry, a Washington-based urban and minority affairs columnist, writes a warmly personal twice-weekly column that has attracted a wide following since it started appearing in The Washington Post in the mid-1960s.

Bill Raspberry grew up in Okolona, where he was born October 12, 1935. He followed a preministerial curriculum at Indiana Central College and graduated with a B.S. in History in 1960.

His newspaper career began with a summer job at the Indianapolis Recorder in 1956. His duties there as reporter, photographer and editor inspired him to join The Washington Post in 1962, after serving two years in the Army. At The Post, he worked successively as a teletype operator, general assignment reporter, copy editor and assistant city editor.

His coverage of the 1965 Watts riot earned him the Capital Press Club's "Journalist of the Year" award, and in 1967

he received a Citation of Merit in Journalism from Lincoln University in Jefferson, Mo. for distinction in improving human relations. Since then, 12 educational institutions have awarded him honorary doctorates.

In 1994, William Raspberry won the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Commentary. The National Association of Black Journalists gave him its 1994 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Raspberry's column first ran in 1966 in the local section of The Post. In 1971, his column was moved to the paper's op-ed page. Raspberry continued to comment on issues of education, crime, justice, drug abuse and housing, but added a national dimension. Demand by newspaper editors to buy his column resulted in its syndication by The Washington Post Writers Group in 1977. Raspberry's column now appears in more than 200 newspapers.

The Mississippi Press Association Board of Directors established the MPA Hall of Fame in January 1986 with the first honorees being announced during the 120th anniversary convention.

Nominees must have made their journalistic reputation in Mississippi or have been a native of the state; they must have been involved with journalism for at least 10 years and may be living or deceased.



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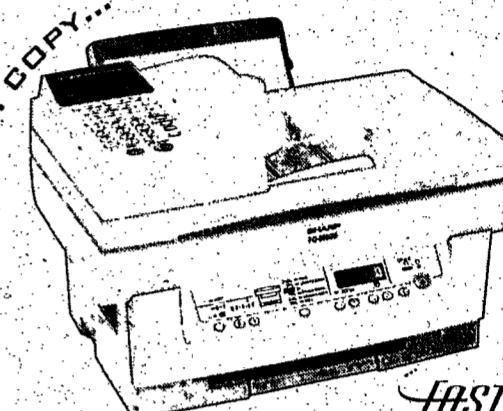
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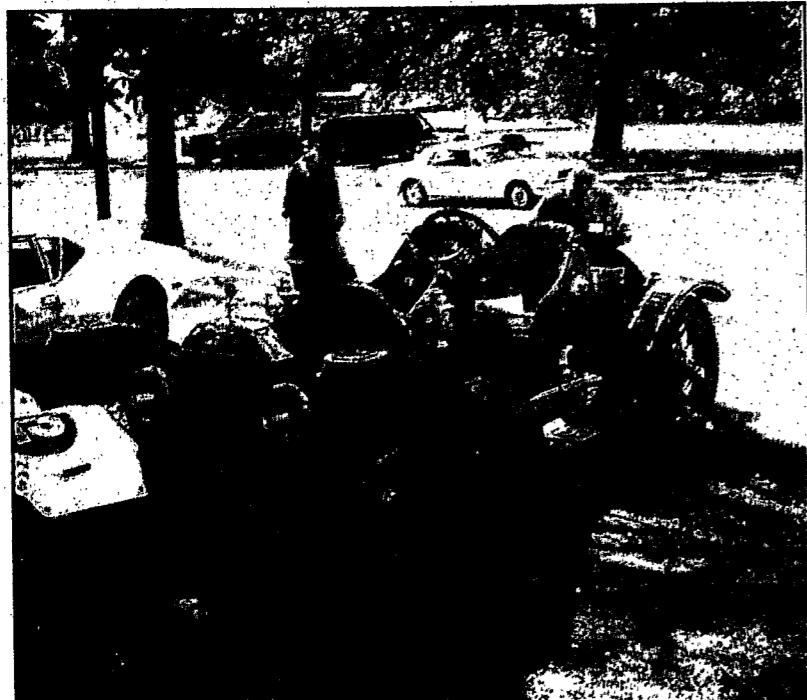
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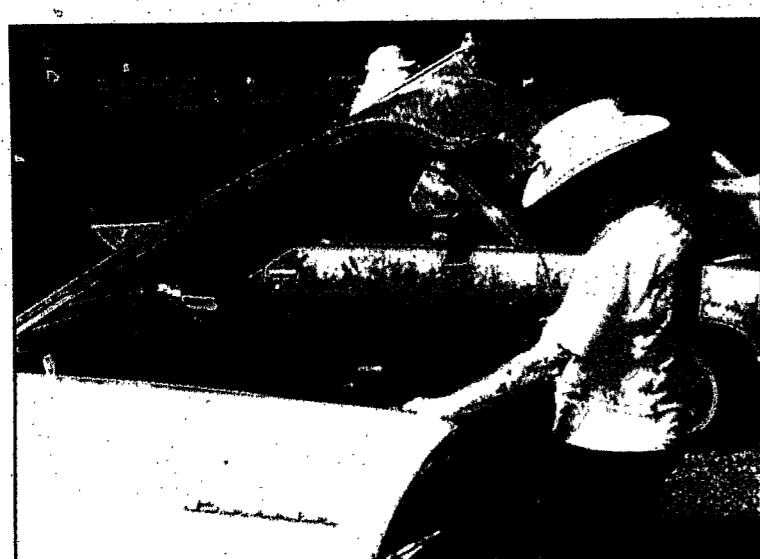
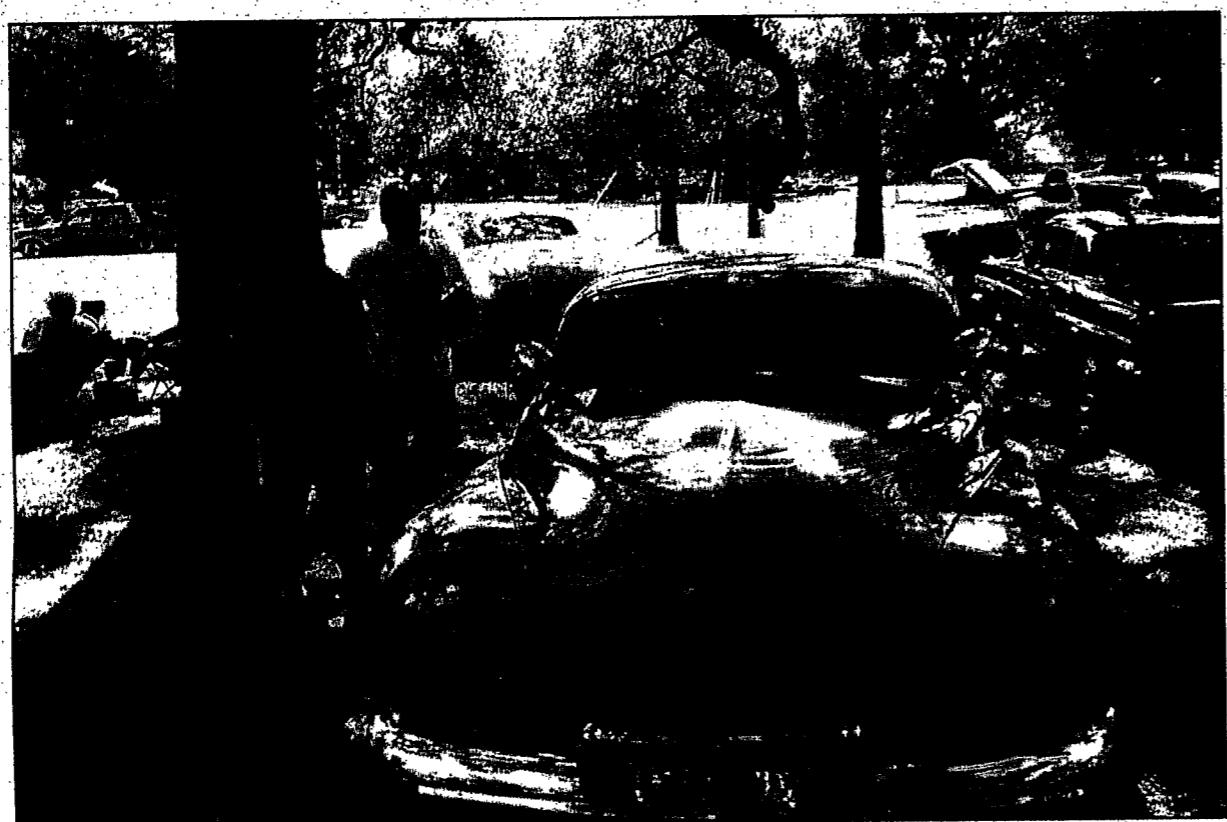


Speculators check out a 1914 Ford Model-T owned by Herbert W. Smith of Long Beach.



Classic car enthusiasts lined up early Saturday morning at the old Depot in Bay St. Louis for the third annual Blast in the Bay car show, sponsored by the city of Bay St. Louis and the Southern Who Street Rod Association. Proceeds from the event benefit the Bay St. Louis Fire Department's Doll and Toy Fund, a member agency of the United Way of South Mississippi.

Participants in the Blast in the Bay came from all over the south and southwest. At right, Tom Nunez of Chalmette makes a last-minute spot check of his custom 1950 Mercury.



Bobby Hamlett polishes the engine of his 1956 Lincoln in preparation for judging Saturday.



Gulfport resident Bill Dennison's 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A.

Haven

Success. These charities are all on the Coast and serve the children of south Mississippi.

"Brett gave a very inspirational speech" said the Hope Haven director. "He told us that he had accomplished far more than he had ever dreamed about doing when he was 8 to 10 years old."

"He said that he felt he was very blessed to achieve the success he has and that he felt it was important to give something back to the Coast community he loves so much."

"He also said that the

Foundation Board picked the awardees based on which charity they felt was doing the best work... and that made me feel real good," said Latham.

Latham said he watched Brett's father during the presentations and part of the interview and that the pride in Brett's father's face was very evident... not just because his son is a sports hero, but because his son is a good man."

Latham said the Brett Favre Foundation and the Mississippi Sea Wolves are the two major private contributors to Hope

Haven and that both organizations have been vital to their building plans.

Hope Haven has grown to be a well-respected organization over the last six years that is supported by many private and public sources. Hope Haven has received statewide recognition for its efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children, and they are the newest members of the United Way of South Mississippi.

To contact them at 601-467-7945 or via E-mail at their web site www.hopehavenshelter.org.

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that might involve hazardous materials. All training costs will be incurred by the P&H. Walters said.

The station will be manned on an as-needed basis, with the volunteer force ready to respond to any emergency situ-

ation, Walters said. "Of course, we'll still rely on the volunteer force from West Hancock to support us in emergency situations," said Wellman. "We appreciate their help in the past and we welcome their support in the

future."

Walters said the commission staff was also preparing bid specifications for a fire truck for the facility. The Port has set aside between \$130,000 and \$135,000 for a truck.

Fire station

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WAVELAND CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY

The City of Waveland has implemented a Cross-Connection Control Program under the Mississippi Drinking Water Act of 1997 (Sections 41-26-1 through 41-26-101), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated also under City Ordinance 306.

In a pre-determined order, business and/or residential owners will be notified for an on-site survey.

Information about the survey is available at the Public Works Department at City Hall on Coleman Ave. Information will also be given at time of notification. No building, structure, pool, irrigation system, etc. shall have a waiver.

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COMMUNITY

Save Our Children

Echo staff photos by Bennie Wedgwood

'When they are here, they will be good children'

BY BENNIE WEDGWOOD
Staff Writer

For the eighth year in a row, the Hancock Community Task Force to Save Our Children sponsored a summer camp for all Hancock County children between the ages of five and fifteen years old. This year 60 plus kids were enrolled.

The camp operated for six weeks this year and a closing party was held on Thursday at the center at 405 Necaise Avenue in Bay St. Louis. After the pledge of allegiance and a song, the staff did a pretty good job organizing the talent show that began the festivities and a good

time was had by all. Certificates of attendance were handed out and then everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream and socializing.

The camp provided recreation, arts and crafts and sessions on self esteem, drug awareness and prevention workshops and field trips.

The goal of the Save Our Children program is to provide programs for youth that are educational and enjoyable in a safe and caring environment.

"If we can get them here, we can keep them out of trouble," Save Our Children Chairwoman Geraldine Lange said Thursday. "When they are here they will be good children."



Top: Save Our Children Chairwoman Geraldine Lange offers some words of wisdom to the campers before the events begin Thursday for the camp's wrap-party, where campers enjoyed dancing, games, cake and ice cream.



You have to talk the fisherman talk, walk the fisherman walk

Editor's note: This is an extract of the new book by La Violette, "Waiting for the White Pelican," that will be published by Annabelle Publishing the last week in August.

We were sitting on the small wooden deck beside the porch that somehow always catches a breeze. Today, there was just the soft breath of a breeze, just enough to make things pleasant.

Stella was in the hammock and I was stretched out on the lounge. It was one of those rare Saturdays when Stella and I had been able to do all the chores that we had set out to do and were killing the little time left before lunch.

I was comfortable and had



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estranza La Violette
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dropped my arm so that I could reassuringly touch the sun-warmed back of Jennie sleeping on the deck beside my lounge. She had been twitching in her sleep, chasing something down the secret passages of her mind.

I was debating on whether to turn on my right or left side when I happened to glance out toward Carrere's pier. I could see the small figure of a fisher-

man slowly heading back to the beach, casting his line inside the pier's poles as he walked through the shallows.

"Looks like someone's been trying their luck on the rising tide," I said to Stella who immediately sat up and looked toward the pier.

"Maybe he's having a little better luck than I've been having," she said ruefully watching

the fisherman's slow progress for a few moments and then laying back on the hammock.

Yesterday was one of those alternate Fridays Stella has off from work. She had gotten up before daybreak and had gone over by that same pier to wade fish. She had stayed out till after ten and then returned disgusted with only two fish, a Black Drum and a Speckled Trout.

They were small, barely lunch size. They were the size that makes you have to fill the spaces in your tummy with lots of lettuce and tomatoes. Luckily the tomatoes are extra sweet this year and we did have a good lunch.

Now, as I watched her, I could

tell she was going over in her mind the poor luck she had been having fishing. After twenty-five years, I had no trouble following her chain of thought.

I knew her next thought would be whether it would have been worth getting up this morning and going fishing rather than what she had actually done: make me a batch of vanilla ice cream and some Boursin cheese spread.

While the Boursin was lagniappe, I consider both ice cream and fresh fish part of life's essentials. I was of two minds on the options that I knew were the next step in Stella's thinking on how she should spend the rest of the weekend.

Behind me, I heard a pickup pull over and stop on our side street and its door open and slam shut. Stella looked up and immediately sat up straight. I sat up also and saw walking toward us the brother of a neighbor who lives up the street.

He lives in north Mississippi, but since he's an ardent fisherman, he often came down to the Coast and spent a few days at his sister's so that he can wade fish in the Sound.

As he approached, I noticed two things. The first was that the short rubber boots he had on made a squashing noise as he walked and the second was that

FISHERMAN—PAGE 5B

Diamondhead UMC has new workshop leader



Ben Butler

Ben Butler has joined the staff of Diamondhead United Methodist Church as the worship leader. Responsible for all areas of music, Butler adds vitality to the various worship services and music ministry. Butler plays various instruments, including guitar, acoustic guitar, drums, saxophone and others.

He was the lead guitarist and vocalist for the Christian Alternative Rock Group called Punkin' Pie. He was also part of the University for Women's Wesley Foundation's Praise Group and Band.

With expertise in the contemporary Christian music arena, Butler brings talent and ability to the congregation and community.

"We look forward to Ben's ministry here as we seek to offer worship experiences for those who have been a part of the faith for a long time, while reaching those who have either been disenfranchised with church or have not yet made that faith connection," said Rev. Jeff Pruett, lead pastor.

"The gifts and graces he brings will help us tell the Gospel story of Jesus Christ to new generations."

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Tops, MS 233 met Thursday, July 13 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was June with 4 1/4 pounds. There were 18 members present.

Charlotte won the Incentive Award, but donated money back to the club. Inge won the gift but donated it back to club.

A new contest starts next week and will last a month.

Ruth announced in a letter she will be moving back to Michigan. She will be missed by club members.

Jean Pierce from the Bay St. Louis Library came to the meeting and gave a very interesting and informative talk about the library system and all that the library has to offer.

Tops 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

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VFW Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2000-2001 are, from left, Two-year Trustee Celine Nederveld, One-year Trustee Joel Bourgeois, President Betty Junker, Senior Vice President Betty Peters; Chaplain Dahlia Cangelosi, Historian Bernice Nick, Three-year Trustee Helen Hickman, Guard Mary Ann Ballard, Conductress Virginia Briley, Secretary Mary Ellen Schaefer, and not pictured, Treasurer Audrey Cantrelle.

What's for Lunch?

July 17-21

Bay Middle School and Waveland Elementary

BREAKFAST (8-9 a.m.)

Milk served daily

Fruit Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Fruit Juice, Sausage Biscuit

Wednesday: Chilled Watermelon, Waffles and Syrup

Thursday: Sliced Cantaloupe, Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit

Friday: Fruit Wedges, Cereal, Buttered Toast

LUNCH (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Milk served daily

Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Steamed Vegetables, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treats, Cornbread

Tuesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Buttered Corn, Fresh Garden Salad, Homemade Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream

Wednesday: Chicken Fillet on Bun, Stack of Trimmings, Seasoned French Fries, Frozen Juice Bar

Chilled Fruit Cup

Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Parsley Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Hot Roll, Chocolate Chip Cookie

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Milk served daily

Hamburger, Whole Kernel Corn, Apple Juice, Ice Cream

Tuesday: Pizza, French Fries, Fruit Cocktail

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, Pickle Spears, Potato Chips, Frozen Fruit Bars

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Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Peaches, Hot Dinner Rolls

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Bay-Waveland Garden Club: The hats were the show

Bay-Waveland Garden Club members, their friends and spouses gathered at the home of JoAnn and Rick George for a hat decorating social. In the couples category, Janet Dudding and husband James Kaihatsu took first place honors.

JoAnn and Rick won the second place for their newspaper creations decorated with plants and colorful beads.

Barbara and Richard Zitzmann received the third place award. Barbara crafted a lovely hat from a foil flower pot cover decorated with a flower bouquet while Rick chose a flowered straw hat.

Other winners were Pat Saik, best composition, and Andrea Kannegieser, best floral.



Barbara and Rick Zitzmann received third place honors.



JoAnn and Rick George of Waveland showing their newspaper creations.

James Kaihatsu and Janet Dudding, first place winners, are joined by Pat Saik and Andrea Kannegieser.



Landscaping with wildflowers

By Norma Doré
Soil & Water
Conservation District

Spring, Summer, Winter or Fall wildflowers enhance some place your environment. Using these lovely plants to enhance your landscape was the topic of the "Landscaping with Wildflowers" clinic on July 11 at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

Identifying the fragile to the stout, the enduring to the short lived plants were our guest speakers Liz Cox, Natural Resources Conservation Service soil technician and plants specialist, and Landscape Architect Ernie Dorrill also with Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Cox provide an enlightening program on the wide variety of plants that she has personally been able to incorporate into her landscaping and what works best in what soil types and what just can't be transplanted.

Karen Hollingsworth, owner of Little Biloxi Gardens, provided plants to display along with our local Plants and Things nursery. This provided just the visual effect needed to enhance the program.

Ernie Dorrill, being a land-

scape architect for over 28 years, made the program very interesting with his fuzzy gardening approach to landscaping.

Making that special corner in your yard just for these breathtaking gifts from Mother Nature is a joy and provides a very low maintenance habitat for wildlife in many forms.

Through the joint efforts of the Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District assisted by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and in cooperation with the City of Bay St. Louis Cultural Affairs Division, we were able to provide an educational program to make everyone who attended appreciate the joys of "Landscaping with Wildflowers".

A special thanks goes to the City of Bay St. Louis Cultural Affairs Director Mike Cuevas for her efforts in making this a great success at the Depot. We are looking forward to being able to present other programs at this location.

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Weddings

Skojac-Authement



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Skojac, Jr.

Stephanie Joann Authement of Leland, Miss., and Daniel Anton Skojac, Jr., also of Leland, were united in marriage June 3, 2000 in an afternoon ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis with the Rev. Peter Mockler officiating.

Soloist was Lori Fabian, and organist was Ed Grotkowsky.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Dorothea Authement of Waveland and the late Mr. Rodney F. Authement Jr.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Skojac of Murphy, N.C.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Walter Courtault.

For the occasion she selected a white princess-cut satin gown with embroidered bodice, scoop neck, spaghetti straps and covered buttons in back. The floor-length gown featured a dropped waistline and box-pleated skirt and chapel-length train. Her white elbow-length veil consisted of a double-tiered, pearl-covered comb-headpiece with soutache cord edging on veil.

She carried a nosegay of white roses and rosemary sprigs.

Matron of honor was Tina Authement Coglan.

Bridesmaids included Christy Skojac, Miriam Salloum, Melissa Kay Marideli Scanlan and Alane Furlotte.

Flower girls were Kayla and Savannah Crosby.

Best man was Barry Cole.

Groomsmen and ushers included Raymond Allison, Stanley Authement, Mark Fisher, Greg Livingood, Phillip Wright, Tommy Skojac and Jimmy Arthur.

A reception followed the ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center.

A rehearsal dinner took place at Carole and Mary's Old Towne Restaurant.

A couple's shower was hosted March 4 by Charisse Oberle and Margaret Devall in Greenville, Miss., and a Luau shower was hosted April 29 in Waveland by Tina Coglan.

After a honeymoon in Kauai, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Leland.

LaFrance-Gilbert



Mr. and Mrs. Kirk LaFrance

Kirk LaFrance and Jenene Gilbert were married in Las Vegas July 7, 2000 at 7 p.m. They will reside in Kiln.

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Jesse and Christine Glidewell Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



50th Anniversary

Jesse and Christine Glidewell are celebrating their 50th year together. To mark the happy occasion, the children and grandchildren will be hosting a reception to honor the couple Sunday, July 30, 2-5 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1720 Read Road in Picayune (next to the Picayune Convalescence Home). Friends and relatives are invited.



Five generations

From left, Desi Robertson of Alabama; Eve Malines and Tricia Speaks, both of Gautier; Teddi Calamus, Randy Calamus, Kim Cooley and Quinn Cooley, all of Waveland.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pearlington events

JULY EVENTS

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday-Saturday: 8:20 a.m.

Mass.

Rosary before each mass.

Sacrament of Penance: Before each mass or by appointment.

Mondays: CYO meetings are usually held on Monday evenings, but there will be no meetings until August 28.

Tuesdays: The Parish Council will meet in the rectory on Tuesday evening, July 11 at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: St. Joseph Devotions continue to be held before the morning mass. Adult Education classes are held every Wednesday evening at 7. For information, call the church office at 533-7968.

Thursdays: Choir practice at 7:15 p.m. in the church.

Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. Benediction follows at 7.

Saturdays: Regular morning mass at 8:20

a.m. following the rosary. First Saturday Devotions to our Blessed Mother follow the 8 a.m. rosary.

SPECIAL EVENTS

On July 3, three members of the CYO, Samantha Breshears, Lindsay Ladmirault and Sarah Wilkinson, traveled to Saltillo, Mexico, with members of the CYOs from St. Ann and St. John churches.

Alisha Wilkinson accompanied them as an adult sponsor.

The July Healing Mass will be celebrated Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m. Speaker will be John Heavey of Slidell.



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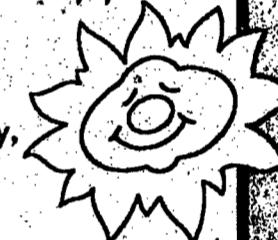
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Engagements

Scharp-Felder



Shannon Scharp

Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Rhodes of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Scharp of Layton, Utah, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Shannon M. Scharp to John Z. Felder II, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Felder of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Bay High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi and Weber State University in

Utah. She is employed with BellSouth Mobility in Bay St. Louis.

The prospective groom is a 1988 Bay High School graduate and attended Pearl River Community College and is a graduate of University of North Florida Railroad Institute.

He is employed with CSX Transportation.

The marriage will take place August 5, 2000 at 2 p.m. in St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. A reception will follow in Diamondhead Community Center.

Fisherman

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he was the fellow I had seen over by Carrere's Pier.

"Did you have any luck?" both Stella and I asked as one.

"No, not a bit. Lots of bait fish," he said sitting on one of the white plastic chairs I pulled over for him to sit on. "More bait fish than I've ever seen before. All over the place. But nothing else. Maybe it's the salt keeping everything back in the rivers and bayous."

I leaned back in the lounge. It had started. They had begun the talk, the fisherman talk.

Stella started asking him what he was using to fish with, shrimp or lures and then what kind of lures (she has an artificial lure called "Top Dog" and when she goes out wade fishing she sometimes says she's going out to "walk the dog") I've been the third wheel on too many of these conversations to think it would be anything different.

I sat politely, fighting to keep a glazed look from coming across my face. I even managed to ask an intelligent question or two to keep up an appearance of at least some attention.

It really didn't matter, Stella was in her element talking animatedly about something that was really important to someone who felt the same way. Whatever I said would have been fine. I sat and just let the two of them talk.

I began to drift away, watching the water and only half listening to their conversation. The wind had picked up slightly and a few white caps had started to appear on the water.

I saw a pelican and then, further away, another pelican fishing very low over the water. There were no others. Maybe the fishing was as bad as the two of them were saying. Away to our west, a clump of shrimp boats were working an area of the Sound that evidently had some shrimp.

After a bit, I noticed a change in the tempo of their conversation and quickly tuned back to listening to what they were saying. Our friend was easing himself up from his chair.

"Well, I've had it," he said standing. "I'm going to head on back up country this afternoon. Be back toward the end of the month and give it another go."

We talked for a few more minutes and then he headed to his pickup, his boots making squashing noises as he walked.

"Well, that was nice," said Stella watching him drive off. I was about to say something to the effect that, considering his luck, it had been a good thing she hadn't gone out when I caught myself and said, "Yes, it was."

We sat there and relaxed for a while longer. I thought about lunch, idly tossing several ideas about what would be nice to have. When I turned to say something on this to Stella, I saw that she was far away, still fishing with our friend.

I settled back, it would be a little longer before lunch.

Hitt-Rosetti



Dina Hitt

Ms. Janet Trapani Hitt and Mr. Harold McCall Hitt of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dina Gerette Hitt, to John Mark Rosetti, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Rosetti, Jr. of Biloxi.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Our Lady Academy and also 1990 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in management information systems.

She is a sales producer at Allstate Insurance in Bay St. Louis.

ing and a minor in marketing. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

The prospective groom is a 1982 St. Martin High School graduate and a 1987 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in management

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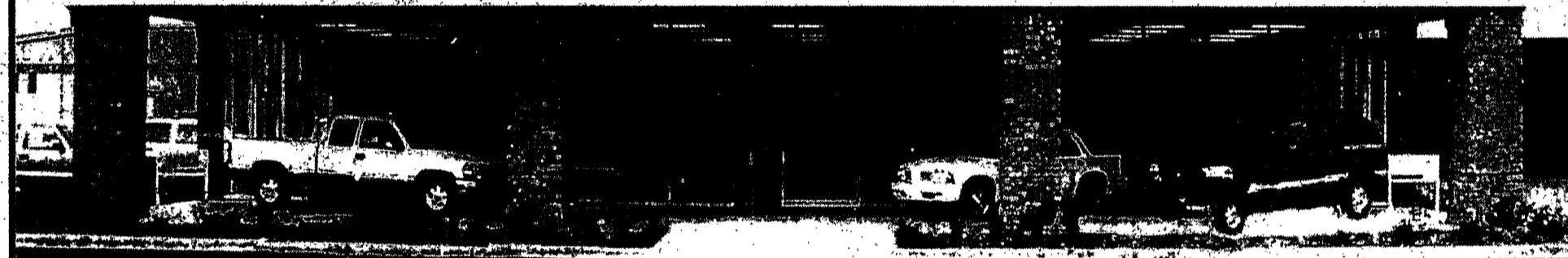
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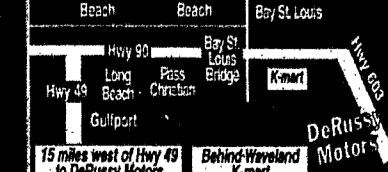


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"A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre
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St. Paul Seafood Festival, Pass Christian
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333 Coleman Avenue
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EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Pearl River Community College Class
Prepare for GED test, practice GED testing

- no cost for classes
- 8-12 am and 1-4 pm
- English as second language also
- trailer in the parking lot of Hancock High
- 467-4275

EVERY TUESDAY

- TOPS MS 233
• 5-545 pm
• Waveland Public Library
• Pat, 467-6285

Bay-Waveland Overeaters Anonymous

- 7 pm - 8 pm
- Hancock Medical Center Meeting Room
- Twelve Step Program, no fees or dues
- Ann 467-6254

Columbian Squires

- sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- for Catholic young men, 12-18
- 6 pm - 7 pm
- KC Hall on Main Street, BSL
- 467-0941

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MSU Extension Service offers Free Nutrition classes through the FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM

- Basic Nutrition; Food Safety; Planning Low-cost, Tasty and Health Meals; Parenting Skills related to nutrition; buying more food with less money
- for details call Gwen Blackledge 467-5456

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

- Pearl River Community College Class
• Prepare for GED test, practice GED testing
• no cost for classes
• 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

- English as second language also
- trailer in the parking lot of Hancock High
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EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

Great Books Discussion Group

- 7 pm
- Seal Meeting Room of the BSL-Hancock County Library System
- Jeanne Jones 467-5282

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TOPS MS 307

- 4:45-5:30 pm
- Waveland Public Library
- Paula 467-0420
- <http://www.tops.org> for information

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

The Hancock County Coalition for Services to Children and Families

- 10:30 am
- Word of Faith Fellowship Hall, Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
- Betty Spencer 452-9234

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

LaLeche League of Bay/Waveland

LaLeche League is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, encouragement, and mother-to-mother support to all women who want to breast feed. La Leche League of Bay/Waveland offers monthly meetings with other breast feeding mothers, 24-hour telephone help from experienced and accredited leaders, a lending library, breastfeeding aids for sale, and membership discounts.

LaLeche League of Bay/Waveland's monthly meetings

- 9:30 am on first Tuesday of the month
- Hancock Medical Center's Business & Education

complex, Highway 90, BSL, east of the hospital
contact: Michelle 467-8180

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Hope Haven - a United Way shelter for abused and neglected children. Supplies speakers/information on abuse/neglect and other children's issues. Operates an emergency (non-profit) shelter for abused children.

Hope Haven Board Meeting (Open)

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- Mississippi Power Co., Hwy 90 and Dunbar, BSL
- 228-467-7945, FAX: 228-466-4707 or www.hopehavenshelter.org

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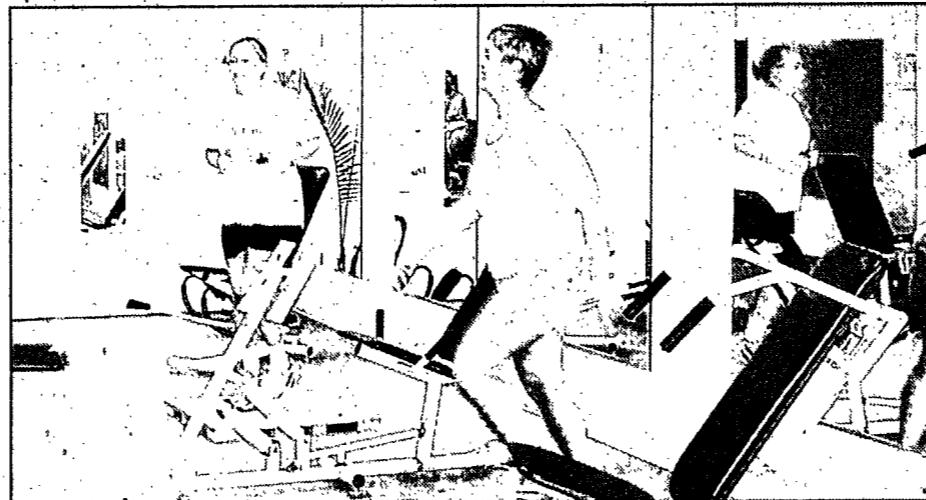
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Births

MICHAEL WAYNE ELLINGTON III

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ellington II of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, Michael Wayne III, June 26, 2000 at 12:10 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mrs. Ellington is the former Tammy Jarrell.

Maternal grandparents are Susan and Shane Callais of Kiln.

Paternal grandfather is Michael Ellington of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Betty Hicks of Meraux, La. and Emile and Carmel Henley of Bay St. Louis.

Michael is welcomed by his sister, Alissa.

CLARE GRACE HAAS

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin James Haas of Kiln announce the birth of their fourth child, Clare Grace, June 28, 2000 at 8:10 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds.

Mrs. Haas is the former Lisa Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Ruby Thomas of Bay St. Louis and the late Gustave D. Thomas III.

Paternal grandparents are the late Wesley and Myrtle Haas.

Great-grandparents include the late Garfield and Lottie Bourgeois Ladner.

Clare is welcomed by sister Leigh and two brothers, Wesley and Kevin II.

KEVIN JOHNATHON BROWN

Natalie P. Brown of Pass Christian announces the birth of her first child, Kevin Johnathon, July 3, 2000 at 6:55 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Grandmother is Linda T. Brown.

Great-grandparent is Toulmin H. Brown.

JASMINE MARIE HODA

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Hoda of Kiln announce the birth of their fourth child, Jasmine Marie, July 3, 2000 at 4:16 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Hoda is the former Kara Ann Palmer. Maternal grandparents are Louis and Kerry Palmer of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Ruth Hoda of Kiln.

Great-grandmother is Leona Necaise of Pass Christian.

Jasmine is welcomed by sisters Jordan, Karigen and McKenzi.

CORTLAND THOMAS JENNINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Jennings Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Cortland Thomas, July 5, 2000 at 7:58 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Jennings is the former Pamela Jean Ishee.

Maternal grandparents are Janet Ishee and Clyde Ishee of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie Jennings of Bay St. Louis and Martha Ann Pair and James O. Pair of Philadelphia, Miss.

Great-grandparents include Martha Rutherford, Avis Morreale, Maudine Ishee and Willie C. Phelps.

Corey is welcomed by his sister, Ashlynn.

EMILY TAYLOR YEADON

Tracy Melbourne and Jason Yeadon of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Emily Taylor, July 7, 2000 at 11:13 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Estelle and Thomas Melbourne of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Sharon and Raymond Yeadon of Oxford, Fla.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Melbourne and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Baudoin, Mrs. Helen Yeadon and the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parfait and Mr. Raymundo Yeadon Sr. and Mrs. Ruth E. Nice Baudoin.

ETHAN MATTHEW LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ladner, Jr. of Picayune announce the birth of their third child, Ethan Matthew, May 30, 2000 at 12:14 p.m. at

NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Melissa Necaise.

Maternal grandparents are Dora Necaise of Picayune and the late Bernie Necaise.

Paternal grandparents are Harry and Doris Ladner of Pass Christian.

Ethan is welcomed by his brothers, Cade and Kyle.

NICHOLAS ALEXANDER GRISWOLD

Coral Dawn and David Allen Griswold of Diamondhead announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Alexander, June 9, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Margaret (Jodi) Toman of Buena Park, Calif. and Clyde L. Proctor of North Glenn, Colo.

Paternal grandparents are Marilyn L. Griswold of Sarasota, Fla. and William L. Griswold of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

WHITTNEY ALEXIS EAKINS

Sandy S. and John D. Eakins of Kiln announce the birth of a daughter, Whittney Alexis, June 28, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Sherman and Jackie Necaise of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are John and Debbie Eakins of Kiln.

SAWYER ZÜRICH GIBSON

Lesa Ann Favre and One Gibson of Slidell, announce the birth of a son, Sawyer Zürich, June 26, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Great-grandmother is Joyce W. Nettel of Slidell.

Paternal grandmother is Carol Fox of Pearl River.

KAMBRYN REECE CHAISSON

Penny Elaine Chaisson and Norris Peter Chaisson III of Pearl River, La. announce the birth of a daughter, Kambryn Reece, May 26, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Sue and Clifton Anglin of Bush, La.

Paternal grandparents are Yvonne Chaisson and Norris Chaisson Jr. of Pearl River.

TIMOTHY JEROME PURSLEY

Shéri Sauer and Timmy Pursley of Kenner announce the birth of their first child, Timothy Jerome, May 27, 2000 at 1:30 a.m. at Touro Hospital in New Orleans.

He weighed 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Jerome and Barbara Sauer of Metairie.

Paternal grandparents are Paul Pursley of Bay St. Louis and Clarice Wishman of Bay St. Louis.

CADE MCQUIN COMPRETTA

Mr. and Mrs. Brennan Comprettta of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Cade McQuin, June 19, 2000 at 7:58 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Comprettta is the former Miranda Smith.

Maternal grandparents are James and Alison Smith of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Karen Comprettta of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Alise Wise of Henleyfield, Miss., and Mamie Smith of Morgantown, Miss.

Cade is welcomed by his brother, Cooper.

MELANIE NICOLE MANNION

Todd and Melissa Mannion of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Melanie Nicole Mannion, June 22, 2000 at 9:32 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Mannion is the former Melissa Johnson.

Maternal grandparents are Paddy Johnson of Waveland and David Johnson of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Ben Moran of Bay St. Louis and John Mannion of Denver, Colo.

Great-grandparents include Reeba Dunlevy of Atlanta, Ga. and Velma Knollenberg of Augusta, Kan.

A queenly pair



Teddie Calamus



Quinn Cooley

Teddie Leigh Calamus, 15, was elected Crab Fest Queen in the 15- to 17-year-olds division during the 16th annual Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Festival, while her little sister, Quinn Montgomery Cooley, 15 months, garnered the title in the 1-year-old division.

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Moore Community House was awarded a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. The camp is sponsored in part by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and will be hosted at Moore Community House, beginning July 17 and ending on August 11.

Daily operating hours will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Moore Community House Inc., located in Biloxi, has been serving and advocating for the needs of children and families of east Biloxi as a mission of the United Methodist Church for 75 years.

It provides pre-school, early Head Start, nutrition services and education, counseling and support services, community advocacy and organization, Dream Makers, Congregations for Children and a MS Low Income Child Care Initiative for economically impoverished families and their children.

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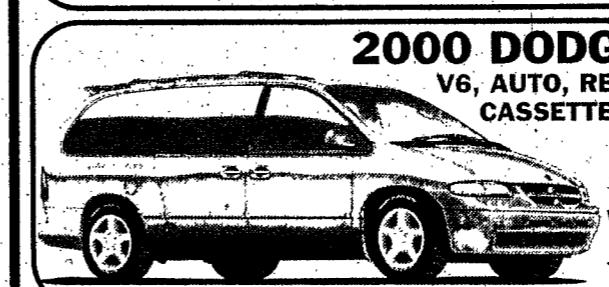
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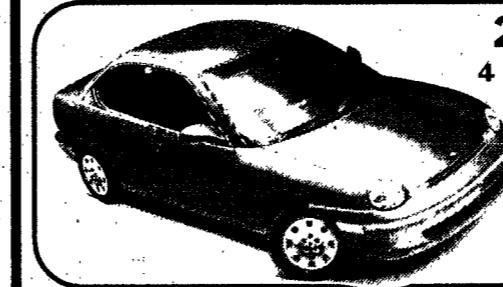
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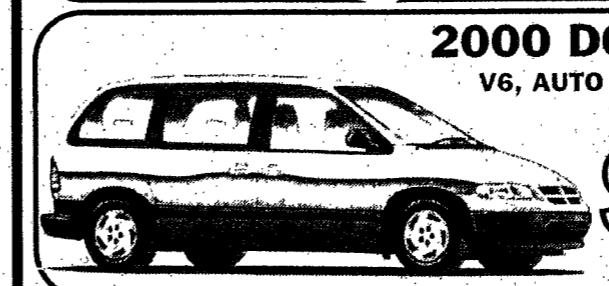
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God and Mother Nature

Just the other day, a neighbor wiped her brow and paid tribute to the July heat: "God knows we can use some of those showers which have been falling all around us."

I agreed, walking toward my door. Just then a roofer working in the area gave thanks to God for the dry weather which enabled him to do his work. It's a blessing!

The same neighbor switched sides slightly and agreed with the roofer: "Oh yes, it is a blessing for your work."

One might wonder somewhat impishly whether God is baffled at our confused medley of petitions, thanks, praise and appreciation. For each of us, a blessing appears to be what suits us at the moment, but not necessarily what is good for someone else or even for a group of people.

Yes, folks, it is that time of year when so many of us begin our annual ritual of praying for safety from storms. This is a practice not to be ridiculed or discouraged. However, we had best be fully aware what we are praying for:

Even as you read these lines, the surface temperature of the Gulf of Mexico water near land is an incredible 88 degrees. That is a pretty decent temperature for a bath or shower, but awesomely dangerous in the Gulf.

Mother Nature uses this very warm water as the main ingredient of the enormous engine which is primed by the formation of heavy clouds which begin a counterclockwise formation of heavy clouds

which begin a counterclockwise motion as they are sucked up into upper cold air which in turn intensifies the rotation to hurricane speed.

Surely, we are not praying that the hot, soupy mix in the Gulf will disappear; for that will be with us all summer. Yet, as long as the bath-temperature water is out there, some country or state will get hit by a hurricane.

Presumably, we are also not praying that a land-locked hurricane will choose to hit some other state or country, rather than ours. Then, what are we praying for, since a land-bound hurricane has to cross someone's territory?

God created Mother Nature, then left her to chart her own course in history. The rule that God lets nature alone is underscored by the rarity of God's interventions, such as the storm which threatened Jesus and his disciples while Jesus was fast asleep in the boat:

"Master, master, we are perishing!" He awakened, rebuked the wind and the waves, and they subsided and there was a calm" (Luke 8:24).

While we can hardly expect Jesus to bail us out in this way, we should nonetheless continue praying at all times. God wants us to work with Mother Nature, securing levees, improving drainage, and publishing evacuation routes.

Jesus repeatedly warned us to be vigilant at all times and aware of the many dangers threatening our soul. He would give us the same advice about Mother Nature.

Church experiences spiritual and physical renewal



Some members of the congregation
Front row from left, Emily Giattina, Suzanne Sequeira, Nolan Briley, Virginia (Ginnie) Briley, Cheryl Asmus, Dorothy (Mutz) Asmus, Mitchell Mackenzie, Jennifer Mackenzie holding Stephen Mackenzie, Bonnie Rolfs, and Chris Firl holding Dylan Firl; middle row, Sherry Moore Clark, Mary Giattina, Dottie Bauer, Arlen (Ailey) Asmus, Sylvia Herbert, Larry Rolfs, and Greg Firl holding Devin Firl; back row, Tom Demboski, Matthew Giattina, Jim Giattina, Christine Giattina, Albert (Al) Herbert, Pastor John Ellermann, Gary Mackenzie, Tomas (Tom) Henry and Karin Dana. Not pictured are Jeff and Joann Baker, Carey Bans, Leah Braquet, Candice Daley and Linda Herbert.

At the end of May 1997 the Lutheran Church of the Pines, Highway 90 in Waveland, was without a pastor.

Fortunately, a former president of the Southern District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Pastor Emeritus John Ellermann, offered to serve the congregation part-time on a yearly basis.

Soon after, he urged the congregation to conduct a series of planning sessions leading to many definitive actions.

One was to renovate the place of worship. The basic A-frame had been constructed in 1961 followed by a Sunday School building in 1968. The ensuing decades had taken their toll on both structures.

Having secured funding, an architect was engaged to design the needed alterations and new construction.

Late last year the contract work was completed. Included in the rehabilitation were all new roofing, siding and windows.

A bell tower and wheelchair

ramp were added. The old entrance way to the narthex was changed from an entrance on the north to one from the west.

An unsightly breezeway between the sanctuary and Sunday School building was expanded and entirely enclosed to provide a reception area, pastor's office, consultation space and a rest room. The interior of the Sunday School building was renovated.

With an air of revitalization, coupled with a face-lift for the facility, came an impressive increase in attendance.

On Sunday, June 11, 34 new members swelled the congregation.

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After 40 years of wondering and grumbling the people just didn't get it. After all the miracles in Egypt, the manna, and the quail from heaven, the people did not understand the grace of God.

Moses gave the reason, "To this day the Lord has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear" (Deuteronomy

Love requires renewal

29:4).

Moses also gave this promise, "The Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live" (Deuteronomy 30:6).

This promise is in keeping with the Great Commandment. "You shall love the

Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5).

The New Testament picture is the same. Jesus says, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). The apostle John declares, "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments" (1 John 5:3).

The apostle Paul says of fellow Christians, "The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Hearts inclined toward the love of God require spiritual awakening and rebirth. This is why Jesus declares, "You must be born again" (John 3:7).

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